

A. Election

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-14 (method of producing nanostructured metal phosphate) are stated in the office action to be readable on this group.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth in the next section

B. Traverse

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicants have elected to prosecute Group I, claims 1-14 (method of producing nanostructured metal phosphate) are stated in the office action to be readable on this group.

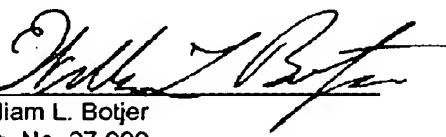
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The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that restriction between differing inventions is unduly burdensome and wasteful of the resources of both the applicants and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by perhaps requiring separate filings, filing fees, office actions, responses, issue fees etc. for the filing of an additional applications. It is submitted that restriction between groups I, II and III is unwarranted for the following reasons. The inventions of groups I, II and III are sufficiently similar i.e. nanostructured phosphates, such that a search of the claims is likely to encompass the other classes. Thus the search of the non-elected claims will essentially already been made and to require a possible separate prosecution of the other method claims is unnecessary and wasteful of resources.

Accordingly removal of the restriction requirement between the groups is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is requested to telephone the applicants' attorney at the numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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